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ABSTRACT


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By studying literature, we can learn about the ways of life and value through someone’s experiences. This study uses a novel by Erich Segal’s, Love Story, with considering that it is a bestseller novel. Then, the writer conducts the study on the odds, which emerge in love relationship between Oliver Barrett IV and Jenny Cavilleri.

This study intends to answer the following question: What are the odds in love relationship between Oliver Barrett IV and Jenny Cavilleri? The writer uses practical criticism to analyze the odds of the two main characters, Oliver Barrett IV and Jenny Cavilleri.

In the analysis, the writer studied the social odds related to the extreme different between Oliver Barrett IV and Jenny Cavilleri in which Oliver comes from somewhat elite family while Jenny is only a daughter of baker. That makes the economic odds in which Oliver is very rich while Jenny even has to support her own study. The cultural odds are related to the extreme habits from where they are raised. It is also related to Oliver’s Protestantism background while Jenny has Catholic background eventhough both of them become somewhat atheist. The family odds then play central conflict since each of their family has different background.

Based on the analysis, the writer concludes that there are five odds in the relationship: social odds, economic odds, cultural odds, religion odds, and family odds. Despite all the odds, Oliver and Jenny could cope with them by relying on their love eventhough the end is very tragic.

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